defaulting companies for recall batches of drugs sold in the market/hospitals/ dispensaries etc. whenever a drug sample is found not to be of standard quality. Where appropriate, the State Drug Controllers also give publicity to alert the consumer and chemists to stop further sale of the drug.

Patients of Epilepsy

1165. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disease apilepsy is incurable;

(b) if so, the details of assistance being extended to epileptic patients to sustain their life;

(c) whether they are treated as handicapped; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Epilepsy is treatable. The patients are prescribed suitable drugs to control their attacks.

(c) The patients are not treated as handicapped.

(d) Majority of patients with epilepsy have their attacks controlled with drugs and are able to lead reasonable normal life.

Expansion of Health Services in Tamil Nadu

1166. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government for the expansion of Central health Services in Tamil Nadu under the programme 'Health for all by 2000 A.D.';

(b) whether Government of Tamil Nadu have submitted any specific scheme to the Central Government in respect of health and family welfare programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) To achieve the Coal of "Health for All by 2000 A. D." a comprehensive promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services is being provided in the rural areas of the State through a network of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres established in the State and in the urban areas similar services are being provided through Taluka/Subdivision/District and specialised hospitals. Besides this, to control/eradicate major communicable and non-communicable diseases, the following major Centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented in the State:—

(i) National Malaria Eradication Programme.

(ii) National T. B. Control Programme.

(iii) National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(iv) National Programme for Control of Blindness.

(v) National AIDS Control Programme.

(vi) Family Welfare Programme.

(b) to (d) This Ministry is not aware of any such scheme.

Treatment to persons sucering from migraine

1167. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of people in the country are suffering from migraine;

(b) whether treatment for the migraine is available in the country; and